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TAGS: EAID, ELAB, CE

SUBJ: GSL NOMINEE FOR O/LAB - SPONSORED SEMINAR

REF: AIDTO CIRC A-566

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED - EMBASSY ON SEPTEMBER 18 RECEIVED NOTE FROM GSL MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MDFA) NOMINATING CEYLONSE CANDIDATE FOR O/LAB'S SEMINAR ON INCOME DISTRIBUTION POLICIES SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE OCTOBER 1. GSL CANDIDATE IS M.B.M.R. BANDARANAYAKE, 53, A LAWYER DESCRIBED IN MDFA NOTE AS LEGAL ADVISER TO SRI LANKA INDEPENDENT TRADE UNION FEDERATION (SLITUF) SINCE 1965. BANDARANAYAKE IS ALSO LISTED AS MEMBER OF SLITUF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FROM 1965 TO 1970. SLITUF IS AFFILIATE OF WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (WFTU), AND IS TRADE UNION ARM OF PRIME MINISTER SIRIMAVO BANDARANAIAKE'S SRI LANKA FREEDOM PARTY. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL - BANDARANAYAKE'S NOMINATION FOLLOWS REQUEST BY EMBASSY NOTE TO MDFA THAT GSL SUGGEST CANDIDATES FOR PARTICIPATION IN SEMINAR, AS REQUESTED BY LOCAL PROCEDURE. EMBASSY NOTE DREW ON DTALS PROVIDED BY REFAIR AND WAS FOLLOWED UP BY INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MDFA DESK OFFICER AND WITH ACTING LABOR COMMISSIONER. EMBOFFS AT THAT TIME STRESSED OUR PREFERENCE FOR SUBMISSION OF NAMES OF SEVERAL CANDIDATES AS WELL AS DIFFICULTIES THAT MIGHT BE POSED BY NOMINATION OF OFFICERS OF WFTU AFFILIATES.

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3. BANDARANAYAKE REPORTEDLY WAS PERSONALLY SELECTED BY SLFP LABOR MINISTER MICHAEL SIRIWARDENE, AND HIS NOMINATION HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN APPROVED BY ACTING PM MAITHRIPALA SENANAYEKE. SIRIWARDENE'S INTERVENTION, AND FACT THAT ONLY ONE CANDIDATE WAS PROPOSED, HAS AROUSED SOME CRITICISM HERE, PARTICULARLY FROM POWERFUL PRO-GOVERNMENT BUT NON-WFTU-AFFILIATED CEYLON FEDERATION OF LABOR9)

4. ALTHOUGH BANDARANAKE IS NOT IDEALLY QUALIFIED, IN VIEW TOP-LEVEL GSL SUPPORT AND DESIRABILITY OF SRI LANKA REPRESENTATION IN STUDY PROGRAM, EMBASSY SUGGESTS HE BE SELECTED IF SUFFICIENT SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUEST DEPARTMENT LET US KNOW ITS DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS BANDARANAYAKE IS NATURALLY ANXIOUS TO MAKE ARRANGMENTS FOR HIS PERSONAL AFFAIRS IF HE IS TO TRAVEL BEFORE END OF MONTH. END CONFIDENTIAL VAN HOLLEN

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